


REMARKS:

- 1) Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment including new claims 17 to 32 is respectfully requested. Claims 17 to 32 are based on original, literally translated claims 1 to 16, except for avoiding the improper multiple dependencies and a few other minor informalities.
- 2) Please note that the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority found that all PCT claims 1 to 16 (corresponding to present claims 17 to 32) satisfied all criteria for patentability including novelty, non-obviousness, and utility.
- 3) Claims 17 to 32 are the claims to be examined. Favorable consideration and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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